

**Introduced by Senator Perata**February 20, 2004

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An act to amend Section 121360.5 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to communicable diseases.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1847, as introduced, Perata. Omnibus Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Act.

Existing law establishes the Omnibus Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Act of 2002 which, among other things, until January 1, 2006, permits any local health department to provide for certification, by the local health officer, of tuberculin skin test technicians.

This bill would extend the repeal date of these provisions, until January 1, 2011.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 121360.5 of the Health and Safety Code  
2 is amended to read:  
3 121360.5. (a) Any city or county health department may  
4 provide for one-year certification of tuberculin skin test  
5 technicians by local health officers.  
6 (b) For purposes of this section, a “certified tuberculin skin test  
7 technician” is an unlicensed public health tuberculosis worker  
8 employed by, or under contract with, a local public health  
9 department, and who is certified by a local health officer to place  
10 and measure skin tests in the local health department’s jurisdiction.



1 (c) A certified tuberculin skin test technician may perform the  
2 functions for which he or she is certified only if he or she meets all  
3 of the following requirements:

4 (1) The certified tuberculin skin test technician is working  
5 under the direction of the local health officer or the tuberculosis  
6 controller.

7 (2) The certified tuberculin skin test technician is working  
8 under the supervision of a licensed health professional.

9 (d) A certified tuberculin skin test technician may perform  
10 intradermal injections only for the purpose of placing a tuberculin  
11 skin test and measuring the test result.

12 (e) A certified tuberculin skin test technician may not be  
13 certified to interpret, and may not interpret, the results of a  
14 tuberculin skin test.

15 (f) In order to be certified as a tuberculin skin test technician by  
16 a local health officer, a person shall meet all of the following  
17 requirements, and provide to the local health officer appropriate  
18 documentation establishing that he or she has met those  
19 requirements:

20 (1) The person has a high school diploma, or its equivalent.

21 (2) (A) The person has completed a standardized course  
22 approved by the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association  
23 (CTCA), which shall include at least 24 hours of instruction in all  
24 of the following areas: Didactic instruction on tuberculosis control  
25 principles and instruction on the proper placement and  
26 measurement of tuberculin skin tests, equipment usage, basic  
27 infection control, universal precautions, and appropriate disposal  
28 of sharps, needles, and medical waste, client preparation and  
29 education, safety, communication, professional behavior, and the  
30 importance of confidentiality.

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32 (B) A certification of satisfactory completion of this  
33 CTCA-approved course shall be dated and signed by the local  
34 health officer, and shall contain the name and social security  
35 number of the tuberculin skin test technician, and the printed  
36 name, the jurisdiction, and the telephone number of the certifying  
37 local health officer.

38 (3) The person has completed practical instruction including  
39 placing at least 30 successful intradermal tuberculin skin tests,  
40 supervised by a licensed physician or registered nurse at the local

1 health department, and 30 correct measurements of intradermal  
2 tuberculin skin tests, at least 15 of which are deemed positive by  
3 the licensed physician or registered nurse supervising the practical  
4 instruction. A certification of the satisfactory completion of this  
5 practical instruction shall be dated and signed by the licensed  
6 physician or registered nurse supervising the practical instruction.

7 (g) The certification may be renewed, and the local health  
8 department shall provide a certificate of renewal, if the certificate  
9 holder has completed inservice training, including all of the  
10 following:

11 (1) At least three hours of a CTCA-approved standardized  
12 training course to assure continued competency. This training shall  
13 include, but not be limited to, fundamental principles of tuberculin  
14 skin testing.

15 (2) Practical instruction, under the supervision of a licensed  
16 physician or registered nurse at the local health department,  
17 including the successful placement and correct measurement of 10  
18 tuberculin skin tests, at least five of which are deemed positive by  
19 the licensed physician or registered nurse supervising the practical  
20 instruction.

21 (h) The local health officer or the tuberculosis controller may  
22 deny or revoke the certification of a tuberculin skin test technician  
23 if the local health officer or the tuberculosis controller finds that  
24 the technician is not in compliance with this section.

25 (i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2006~~  
26 ~~2011~~, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
27 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2006-2011~~, deletes or extends that  
28 date.

